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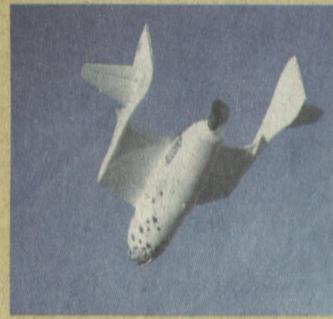
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SU to host NCUR 2008



Kathy Pusey photo

Salisbury University student presenters welcome NCUR 22 in front of Holloway Hall. There are 101 SU students and a total of 2,800 students presenting at the conference.

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

Salisbury University has been granted the honor of hosting this year's National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR). The conference, which was first held in 1987, will be at SU for the second time in 10 years.

Almost 2,800 students from around the country will be presenting their research in all fields of study with posters or oral presentations in SU classrooms in all academic buildings.

More than 300 colleges will also be participating, including Ivy League schools like Harvard and students as far away as UCLA.

Having hosted the event for the first time in 1998, SU has since been ranked as one of the top 100 colleges in America, according to the Princeton Review.

Although NCUR is not a competition, it is a place where gifted and talented students get the opportunity to share their research.

"I think hosting the conference is quite an honor for SU, especially considering that it was also here 10

years ago," said Creston Long, one of the program coordinators of the conference. "It gives us a great chance to showcase our university. It certainly shows that SU is committed to undergraduate research; this is already evident with the annual spring SU Research Conference."

Dr. Long also stated that in the long run "NCUR has the potential to elevate undergrad research further and make it an even stronger part of the academic culture on campus."

Dr. Ronald Dotterer of the English department, and another of the program coordinators, said that the turn out was impressive; of the 3,400 abstracts that were sent to be selected for the conference, "about 82 percent were chosen; that's about 2,296."

Dotterer went on to say that over 60 classrooms will be used for the oral presentations that run Thursday afternoon through Saturday afternoon. In order to accommodate the necessity for classrooms, a vote was made by the "faculty senate to cancel classes." It was then approved by the board of directors.

Additionally, there will be over 110 posters on display in the Maggs gymnasium and four planned speakers.

One of the keynote speakers who will be attending is ABC Director and Executive Producer Rudy

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Potential students explore campus

By Amanda Hailey
Life and Style Editor

SU hosted its first ever Admitted Students Day on Saturday, April 6, to a number of potential new students and their families. The event was initiated by the Admissions House and Elizabeth Coccia, Admissions Counselor.

"Elizabeth Coccia, Admissions Counselor, headed up the project, but it was an idea by the Admissions House to bring our admitted students here and get them settled early on in their process," said Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Affairs.

The day started off in Maggs Gym, where students were given the chance to be introduced to many SU clubs and student organizations set up throughout the gym. Clubs such as S.O.A.P., Catholic Campus Ministries, The Wesley Foundation, Greek Life, Geographic Society, Best Buddies, Leash on Life, Student Nurses Association, Sophanes and the Muslim Student Association were just half of the organizations represented.

Students also had the opportunity to sign up for and participate in mock classes given by SU professors.


Leslie Pusey photo
Potential students and their families gather in Maggs Gym on Saturday, April 5.

"We have 300 students and their family members," said Jane Dane, Dean of Enrollment Management, when asked how many people were in attendance on Saturday.

Ellen Neufeldt, VP of Student Affairs, and Tom Jones, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs addressed the crowd of students and families after they had the chance to roam the gym and check out clubs.

Afterwards, a performance by the SU Step Squad was held to entertain the masses. After the performance, the crowd was led out of Maggs to their "class." Students had a variety of subjects to choose from which included: "Police are Withholding the Suspect's Name," by communication arts professor Haven Simmons, "But Mommy I want it!" by marketing professor Paula Morris, "CSI: Salisbury" by clinical laboratory science professor Diane Davis and "I Just Wanna Bang on My Drums All Day" by mesleicous professor Jackie Chooi-Theng Lew. Following the mock classes, students and their families were welcome to explore the campus and check out professors, the bookstore and anything else they wished.

Neufeldt said the purpose of the event was to give potential new students the opportunity for free exploration of the campus and to learn more about campus life. Neufeldt said tour guides were stationed around the campus in front of buildings and residence halls for any who had questions.

"You've made the best choice to attend the best university in the galaxy," Neufeldt said when addressing the large audience comprised of possible new students and their families.

Green Earth Book Awards recognizes authors

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

SU and the Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) has recognized three children's book authors for their work inspiring young readers to appreciate and care for the environment with the Green Earth Book Awards.

The awards are part of SU's children's literature festival and are meant to nurture environmental stewardship within children through honoring earth-conscious books.

"Our awards are given to encourage authors to write with an environmental message and to build awareness," said Laura Marasco, as education professor and board member of the NMF.

"These books show young people what they can do for the environment. They want a better world and help these kids leave less of a footprint on the world."

Okinoto, author of *Winston of Churchill: One's Bear's Battle Against*

Global Warming, will contribute her winnings to the conservation group Polar Bears International. Melling, author of *The Light-Bearer's Daughter*, will give to The Golden Eagle Reintroduction Project in Ireland, which is actually the setting of the book and where the golden eagle became extinct almost a century ago.

David and Gordon, who together wrote *The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming*, have chosen stopglobal-warming.org, an internet based organization founded by David, for their donation.

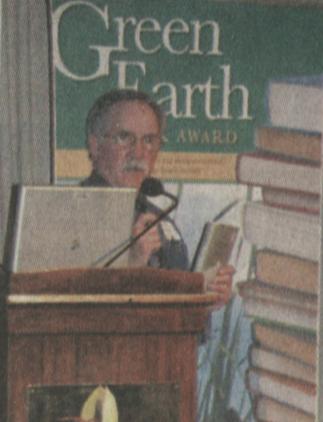
Peter Trick, executive vice-president of the NMF, Lisa Bryant, education reporter for WBOC-TV, Sue Corbett, a children's book reviewer and reporter for the Miami Herald, and John Wolinski of SU's Teacher Education Department presented the awards last Wednesday at the children's literature ceremony in the Guerrieri

University Center with keynote speaker Phillip Hoose, author of the critically acclaimed children's novel *Hey, Little Ant*.

"I've always wanted to combine my work as a conservationist and my work as an author," Hoose said during his speech.

Hoose has written a number of books, essays, stories, songs and articles that include the multi-award winning *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*, a children's novel concerning the endangered ivory-billed woodpecker.

Adrian Fogelian, author of *The Sorta Sisters*, is presented with an honorary mention for her book.


Sarah Wright photo
Peter Trick, executive vice-president of the NMF, presents the Green Earth Award to Adrian Fogelian, author of *The Sorta Sisters*.

and Pepsi. The ceremony was preceded by an environmental community fair and book signing. For more information on the NMF and the award's authors go to www.newtownmarasco-foundation.org.

Fire damages several OC businesses on boardwalk



Photo provided by Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum's Stephanie Fuchslager

Smoke engulfs Ocean City's historic Dough Roller on March 30. The cause is still unknown.

fire at 12:04 p.m. after responding to a reported assault in progress at 604 South Atlantic Avenue, according to a press release.

"There are 22 local fire departments from three counties here and they put it under control around 2:25 p.m. Now they are making sure they got all of the hot spots," said Ocean City Police Department's PFC Vance Row on Sunday. "They came from Wicomico County, MD, Worcester County, MD, and Sussex County, DE."

Sunshine Beachwear and Marty's Playland, located on each side of the Dough Roller, also suffered fire, smoke and water damage, according to officials. Both the Dough Roller and Sunshine Beachwear stores have been gutted.

"We saw the smoke blowing from the bay side of the bridge coming into downtown Ocean City but we thought it was pollution from the boats," said Ocean City Police officers called in the

Siobhan Flynn, 22, a tourist from Frederick, MD, Flynn came to the Eastern Shore to visit her friend. When she saw countless fire trucks going towards the smoke and police directing traffic the other way, she went to go see what was going on.

"A year ago this month I had my anniversary dinner at this Dough Roller so it's kind of sad for me...a bit sentimental," Flynn said. She was excited to see some of the Dough Roller employees passing out food to firefighters with smiles on their faces during such a traumatic time.

Demolition crews started to tear down the structure on March 31, but the owner anticipates rebuilding sometime next year.

The Fire Marshal is still investigating possible causes, accidental or otherwise. In the meantime, the area surrounding the charred remains is still blocked off.

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News briefs

NPR's Codrescu is the First Spring "Writer-on-the-Shore" National Public Radio commentator Andrei Codrescu is one of four authors who will visit Salisbury University for this spring's Writers-on-the-Shore literary series. Codrescu's talk is 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Described by *The New York Times* as a "prodigiously talented and magical writer," Codrescu is the author of numerous books of poetry, including *It Was Today* and *Alien Cantos*.

"Fugitive Slaves" is Washburn Lecture Series Topic April 15

The Wilcomb Washburn Distinguished Lecture series returns to Salisbury University 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, with Dr. Richard J.M. Blaletter, abolitionist historian and Andrew Jackson Professor of History at Vanderbilt University. Blaletter speaks on "Taking Leave: Fugitive Slaves and the Politics of Slavery: 1850-1860" in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

NPR's "StoryCorps" Comes to Delmarva April 17-May 10

StoryCorps is about listening as people share their lives, and the famed National Public Radio project, which has recorded some 30,000 stories of everyday Americans since 2003, is coming to the Delmarva Peninsula in April. Co-sponsored by Public Radio Delmarva, StoryCorps' shiny Airstream trailer containing a portable recording studio will be parked at the Delaware Technical and Community College campus in Georgetown April 17-May 10. Online signups begin Thursday, April 3.

National Conference on Undergraduate Research Returns to SU

The city of Salisbury becomes an academic mecca this April as more than 2,800 student scholars and faculty descend upon Salisbury University for the 22nd National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). This is the second time in a decade that the conference has been in Maryland, both times at SU. Some 350 colleges and universities are represented and the diversity is remarkable. March Madness basketball fans take note: Scholars from UCLA, UNC, Texas and Wisconsin will attend.

NCUR

Bednar, who is most famous for his work on 20/20 and *Primetime Live*, Anne Foerst, theological advisor to the A.I. Laboratory at MIT, will be giving a speech on new media, religion and the new place of theology.

Other featured talks will be conducted by Eastern Shore native Thomas Horton, "one of the nation's preeminent environmental writers," according to the SU newsletter.

MSA hosts 4th annual Building Bridges: Islam Awareness Week



Members of the Muslim Student Association hosted an Islamic literature table outside of the Commons during IAW.

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

SU hosted the 4th annual Building Bridges: Islam Awareness program last week from March 31 to April 4, an event which strived to educate students and the community on the realities of the Islamic faith.

Awareness Week included a screening of the movie "Prince Among Slaves," speaker Dan Mekled, an educational class titled Islam 101 and speaker Nicole Corri.

Awareness Week ended in the Guerrieri University Center, Spirituality room, with a Congressional prayer lead by a young 16-year-old leader in the Islamic community. SU's Muslim Student Association (MSA) sponsored all of the week's events.

The movie, "Prince Among Slaves," was shown Monday and chronicled the life of Abdul-Rahman, a 17th century prince from west Africa who was enslaved in America for 40 years. Granted his freedom by President John Quincy Adams, Rahman raised enough money to free his wife and family.

Dan Mekled, co-founder and advisor of the Young Muslim Association at the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, MI spoke on the contributions given to society by Muslim scholars. These contributions range from astronomy, algebra and chemistry to the coffee that keeps most of us running throughout the day. He also talked about the Qur'an and proven scientific facts found in it using the example of embryo development inside the womb.

Thursday's guest speaker, Nicole Corri, who holds degrees in psychology and counseling along with doctoral studies in clinical psychology, held two speaking sessions focusing on Muslim family dynamics. Corri's discussions focused on the misconception of Islam as a religion that supports violence against women. According to Corri the Qur'an can be easily misinterpreted because the Qur'an is meant to be read as a whole and that people with an agenda can pick passages that seem to support

"My goal when speaking about Muslim family values is to speak for a Muslim woman to counter the vocal minority against Islam, especially the negative view of how Muslim women are treated. I want to talk about

The Qur'an specifically gives women many rights according to Corri, including the right to choose one's spouse, a right to divorce, a right to a marriage contract, a right to money after a divorce, a right to inheritance and the right to tranquility inside their home.

"I thought that Corri's lecture was excellent, she was assertive, professional, intelligent and very well prepared for all the questions which she was more than willing to answer," said senior Maggie Donohue.

The Muslim Student Association, which sponsored Awareness Week, has its meetings every Wednesday, at 4:30 p.m. in the Guerrieri Center Spirituality Room, where they encourage people of every faith to attend.

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge. Keeping this in mind, I thank all those who made the effort to attend these events. It's a wonderful feeling when people come up to me and say that they've learned something about my faith. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our MSA meetings to ask about Islam," said May Dajani, senior and MSA secretary.

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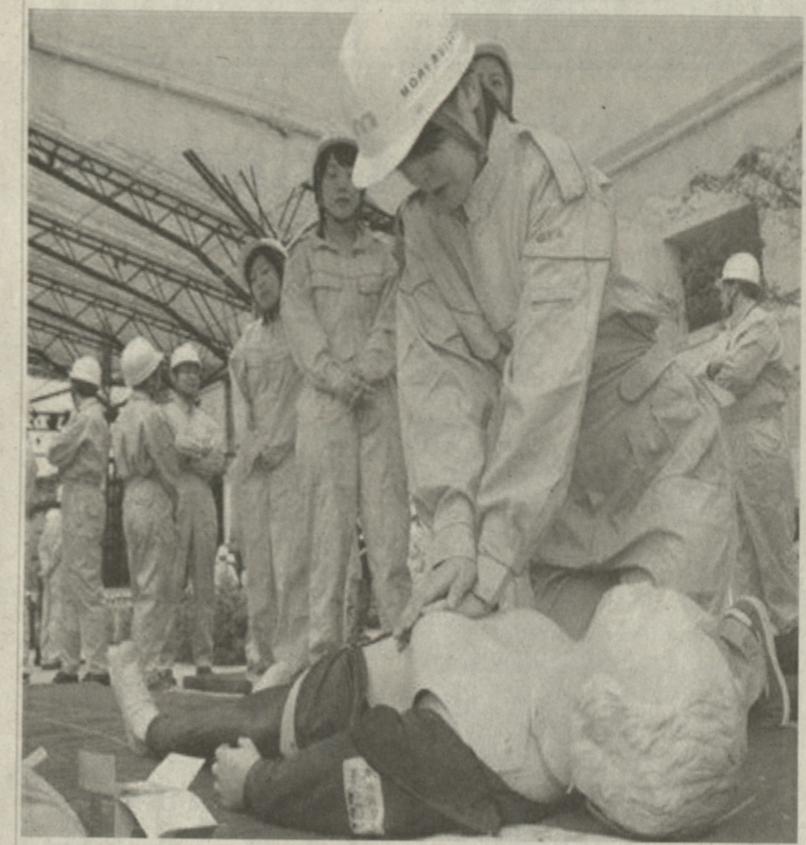
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No more mouth-to-mouth in CPR

12-year-old kills attacker

Police continue investigation, may press charges



Internet photo

The American Heart Association now recommends hands-only CPR.

By Sara Sutton
Staff writer

lowed by two long "rescue breaths." But even after cardiac arrest, as long as the heart is being compressed to circulate blood there is enough oxygen in the body to keep an individual alive for several minutes as well as keeping the brain functional. It is comparable to when one holds their breath underwater. Also, an individual in cardiac arrest needs less oxygen than one who is not.

The benefit of this change is that bystanders should be more willing to perform this new act of CPR than before. Other than the "gross factors" of doing mouth-to-mouth, people now worry about the possible transmission of disease and over all uncomfortable feeling. Many are afraid they will not perform right. But this new method is easier to remember and just as easy to perform.

The American Heart Association also says that any effort is going to be better than no help at all, training or no training. "Many times people nearby don't

By Douglas Allers
Staff Writer

In what appears to be a courageous act of defense, a 12-year-old Prince George's County boy killed a man who was attacking his mother on March 31.

The boy, whose name has not been released, was playing video games in his living room when he heard his mother cry out from the kitchen. He immediately ran in, finding a man on top of her with his arms wrapped around her neck.

The Washington Post reported on

April 2 that, at his mother's side, the 12-year-old kept pleading with the man to stop, eventually grabbing a kitchen knife and swiping it across the man's neck.

The man, who was identified as

enforcement officials were reviewing evidence...and had not decided whether to file charges. Their preliminary account of the incident broadly matches that of the boy and his mother. The case presents exceedingly unusual circumstances."

Cpl. Diane Richardson, a spokeswoman for Prince George's County police, said Wednesday that authorities hadn't decided whether the boy would be charged with anything. They were reviewing the case with the state's attorney's office.

"In Maryland, there can be a legitimate defense of third parties in the event of a violent attack," said State's Attorney Glenn F. Ivey in an interview with The Washington Post. "That is a possibility in this case."

Noubissie, who was a 64-year-old Cameroonian immigrant, was a neighbor of Stamp's. She considered him a friend. However, on Monday he was acting odd and became violent with her. Of French descent, he began yelling at her in a language that she could not understand.

Stamp was reportedly a lot of blood coming from his neck; however, he was still resistant to the officers' help. She tried to calm Noubissie down, asking him to leave. He then threw Stamp against the

wall. When her son ran in, he was holding Stamp by the throat and hitting her with a broom stick.

In the interview, Stamp said this is not the first tragedy to take place in her family. She is currently a widow who supports herself and her son from "widow's benefits" she received when her husband shot himself over 20 years ago. Her eldest son, 27, witnessed the suicide.

Stamp's son told The Washington Post that he was "not happy about what he had done but that he knew it was the right thing."

He added that he prayed to God later that evening, asking to protect him and his mother and told God that he had stabbed the man because he was killing his mother.

Stamp and her son are currently in their home in the Landover area, trying to avoid people and reporters with questions about the event.

"I'm not happy about

what I did but I know it was the right thing."

12-year-old boy

Space tourism rockets into reality



Internet photo

SpaceshipTwo, built by Scaled Composite.

By Steven Reddick
Staff Writer

planned a suicide attempt in the past but was allowed visitation rights with his children after being involuntarily hospitalized for a week. Amy Castillo warned the court that Mark was a danger to the children because of his history of mental illness and his verbal threats. The judge in the Castillo case found no reason to keep Mark from spending time with his children.

Mark Castillo moved out of the family home and had been renting a basement room from Maria Galvis for the past two years. Amy Castillo changed the locks when he left and continued to fight for a restraining order. Galvis told The Washington Post that Castillo was a wonderful father who was always playing with his children.

Cheryl Wharton, a family friend, read a brief statement to the press. "Amy Castillo asks for your continued prayers during this unspeakably difficult time. She is surrounded by family and friends and is coping as well as can be expected," Wharton said.

"This tragedy makes one wonder and question why someone would do such an act. We will be asking ourselves why, why could someone do this to three innocent young children?" said Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon.

According to The Washington Post, Amy Castillo made three phone calls to the police between 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Law enforcement attempted to locate Mark Castillo at his home and repeatedly called his cell phone to no avail.

Amy Castillo, a pediatrician, had been battling her husband in court through a bitter divorce and custody battle. Mark Castillo had

Castillo swallowed 100 Motrin pills and repeatedly stabbed himself in the neck with a steak knife but failed to take his own life. Castillo called the front desk of the Baltimore hotel Sunday afternoon after sleeping for 19 hours and confessed to murdering his children the evening before.

"I know what I did was bad," Castillo told the medics who arrived at the scene, according to police charging papers. "I did it. I drowned the kids last night around 6 p.m."

Mark Castillo, 41, allegedly told his estranged wife, Amy, that he could hurt her most by making her live without her children. When Mark Castillo failed to return the children by 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, Amy Castillo contacted the Montgomery County police, fearing he may have harmed them.

"Spaceliner" flew to sub-orbital space and completed the first private space flight ever on June 21, 2004, to win the prize.

Since Scaled Composites' groundbreaking flight, they have begun development of a second, multiple-passenger space craft, similar to Spaceliner.

Spaceliner, as it's dubbed, is currently in the pre-production stages and making test flights in the Mojave desert. According to Virgin, over 200 people have booked charters on Spaceliner for \$200,000 per ticket.

Xcor's Lynx is a single passenger spaceship, but, according to Xcor, will offer lower priced tickets than Branson's tour.

Both Xcor and Virgin claim that their space tour will begin with a physical examination of the passengers, followed by several days of safety and procedure training. Both companies assure the public that their vehicles are safe and well engineered.

Xcor's design resembles a smaller version of a NASA space shuttle with its wings tipped up at the ends for optimal fuel efficiency and control.

The Lynx begins its journey like a conventional aircraft on a runway, before it rockets to mach three, straight up into space. Virgin's Spaceliner, like Spaceliner, begins its flight suspended from the bottom of a twin-jet aircraft that flies to about 50,000 feet. Spaceliner is then released from

the carrier ship where it freefalls momentarily, and then shoots off into the exosphere at face-defying speeds.

Passengers will see the cloudless blue sky turn darker by the second, until it suddenly turns black and gravity disappears. The vehicles will remain in micro-gravity for several minutes when passengers can unbuckle and experience weightlessness. Then the ships return to Earth's atmosphere where each one has a distinctly different re-entry procedure.

Xcor's ship will simply glide

until touchdown, but will retain

extra fuel and the capability to

reignite engines.

Virgin's craft, upon reentry, will "feather" its wings perpendicular to the craft, to create massive amounts of drag to contend with the extreme speed and friction attributed to an atmospheric reentry.

Once a reasonable altitude is

reached, the wings will then de

feather and the ship will slowly glide

back onto the tarmac.

Space tourism, only dreamed of as

early as 10 years ago, is quickly

becoming a reality with private

enterprise influence. Many technolo

gical and revolutionary fea

tures became commonplace indus

try in a similar progression. Aviation itself

began with private funding and

experimentation and grew into one

of the most integral facets of

modern world.

While tickets are still out of the

price range of most dreamers, it is

not farfetched to imagine that space

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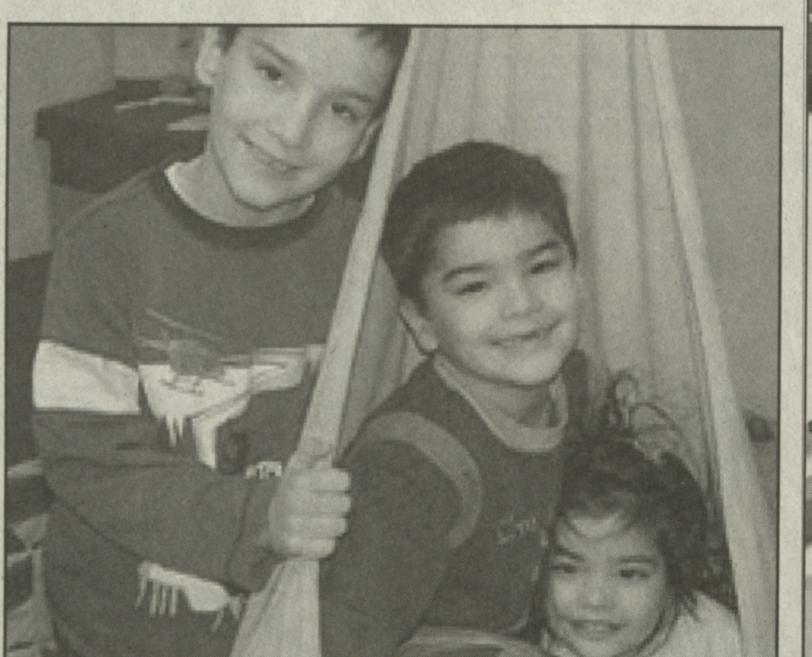
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Anthony, 6, Austin, 4, and Athena, 3 (from left to right) were helpless victims of their father's twisted scheme to get back at his ex-wife.

Mark Castillo (above) drowned his children in a bathtub at the Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD. He has a history of mental instability.

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

A Rockville man has been denied bail after confessing to drowning his three children in a hotel bathtub last week and then attempting to take his own life.

Mark Castillo admitted to drowning Anthony, 6, Austin, 4, and Athena, 3, one by one at the Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD.

Castillo swallowed 100 Motrin pills and repeatedly stabbed himself in the neck with a steak knife but failed to take his own life. Castillo called the front desk of the Baltimore hotel Sunday afternoon after sleeping for 19 hours and confessed to murdering his children the evening before.

"I know what I did was bad," Castillo told the medics who arrived at the scene, according to police charging papers. "I did it. I drowned the kids last night around 6 p.m."

Mark Castillo, 41, allegedly told his estranged wife, Amy, that he could hurt her most by making her live without her children. When Mark Castillo failed to return the children by 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, Amy Castillo contacted the Montgomery County police, fearing he may have harmed them.

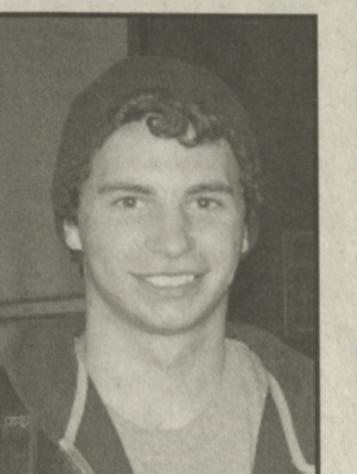
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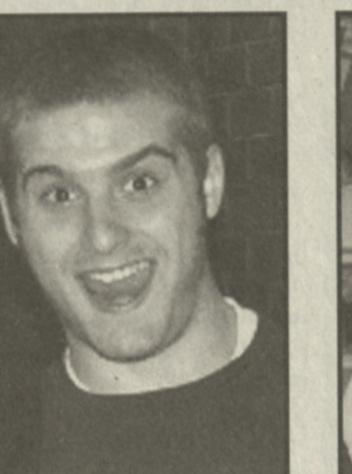
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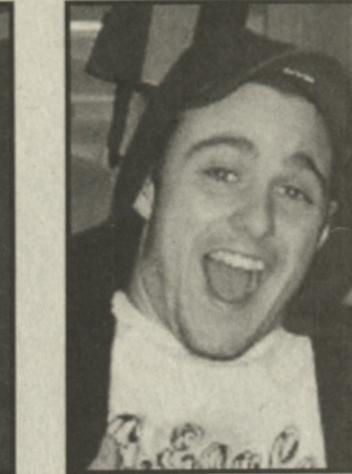
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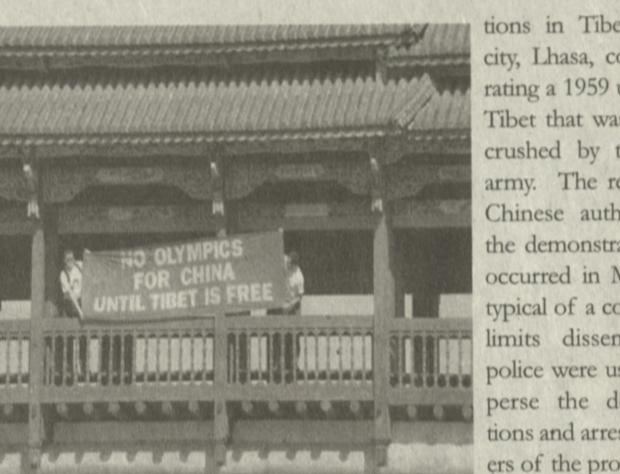
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Tibet question: A test for China



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Two men protest the Summer 2008 Olympics.

By Jeremy Riffle
Staff Writer

The upcoming 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing were meant to be a "coming out" of sorts for the People's Republic of China as a world power. The games were supposed to show a modern China, deserving of respect from the rest of the world. This hope for global acceptance was always in doubt by some because of the prominent criticisms of China's record on issues such as human rights, pollution, and the questions of Taiwan, East Turkestan and Tibet, all regions with disputes over their status. The doubt over China's fitness as a preeminent world power has turned into certainty due to the recent unrest in Tibet.

The unrest began in a nonviolent fashion, with a series of demonstra

tions

This turned out to be the breaking point for the Tibetan people. In response to the crackdown on the nonviolent protesters, riots broke out throughout Tibet and spread to other regions with large numbers of Tibetans. Unfortunately, the unrest was filled with violence as ethnic Tibetans, frustrated with Chinese control and tired of watching the massive influx into Tibet of Hans, the majority ethnic group in the PRC, began attacking Han businesses, vehicles and individuals. The response from the PRC was to send a paramilitary police force to Tibet in order to pacify the region, while blaming the Dalai Lama, Tibet's nonviolent spiritual and political leader, for causing the riots. Through the uprising has been put down, the underlying sentiments and problems that caused the uprising remain.

At the core of the Tibet issue is the

attitude of the PRC toward the region and its indigenous culture and residents.

The government of the People's Republic has embarked on a campaign of forcing the assimilation of Tibet by attempting to take control of Tibetan Buddhism by claiming the authority to choose the leaders of the religion. In addition, the Chinese government has constructed a railway into Tibet, allowing the PRC to exploit the region's natural resources, transport military forces into Tibet, and open up Tibet for settlement by Hans. As a result of China's neo-colonial policies towards Tibet, ethnic Hans now outnumber ethnic Tibetans in Lhasa.</

Doctors with addictions continue to treat patients



Internet photo
Becky Anderson (above) is now dying of breast cancer because of Dr. Brian West's alcoholism and negligence.

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

A doctor is someone you can trust, right? Wrong. Well, at least not in the case of Becky Anderson, who received a breast reconstruction from Dr. Brian West, an alcoholic. Anderson had to undergo a breast augmentation in 2000 because she was suffering from breast cancer. Little did Anderson know that her fate was being put in the hands of an alcoholic who had been convicted for driving under the influence in 1987. To make matters worse, Dr. West was convicted of a second DUI on his way to treat her. Dr. West told Anderson that he missed her appointment because of a car accident. Anderson sued the doctor for negligence and malpractice.

According to the California Medical Board, Dr. West flunked out of the diversion program and was put on probation. This meant that he was not allowed to practice medicine for one year. Unfortunately, that year has passed and Dr. West is legally allowed to practice medicine again.

The disturbing events that have happened with Dr. West and his patients need to stop. Dr. West is causing innocent people like Anderson to die. This is murder and should be stopped.

battling complications from the surgery performed by Dr. West. One may wonder how this could be allowed. It is really quite simple. California's Physician Diversion Program has deemed Dr. West an alcoholic, but this program keeps the doctors' identities private. This allowed Dr. West to keep treating patients while secretly getting help for his addiction.

A study done by the Federation of State Physician Health Programs found that one percent of all physicians in the US are seeking treatment confidentially. That means there are about 8,000 doctors who have patients that don't know they are receiving treatment for alcohol or drug use.

The last thing people think about when choosing a doctor is whether they are an alcoholic or drug user. People assume doctors have completely healthy lifestyles and they can be trusted. This is not a far-fetched assumption considering they are the ones treating people who are not healthy.

Anderson is now dying from cancer because she could not undergo cancer treatment while



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Prayer over medicine results in girl's death Parents should face charge of negligence for watching her die

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

as the breath of life left her." Leilani said that she and her husband aren't worried about criminal charges, saying that their lives are in God's hands and that they did not do anything criminal, but instead did the best they knew how to do for their daughter. After her death, the three other siblings in the family were removed from the home and placed with relatives, something everyone agreed was for the best. While the local police chief is leaving charges up to the district attorney, he said, "There is no intent. They didn't want their child to die. They thought what they were doing was the right thing. They believed up to the time she stopped breathing she was going to get better. They believed if they prayed enough she would get through it."

I would be shocked if charges aren't filed because while there was no malicious intent and manslaughter may be extreme, a charge of negligence is perfectly fitting. While the police chief said, "There is no physical evidence of abuse or neglect," I fail to see how essentially sitting back and watching your daughter waste away for a month does not

constitute neglect. A little girl had a treatable disease and is now dead because her family failed to seek medical attention. It's a tragic story that should have been avoided. You can believe something all you want, but when someone's health is involved, actual steps should have been taken to ensure her return to health.

It's a horribly stupid situation, because there was no reason for her not to seek treatment if the family had nothing against doctors. It defies logic how one could see a clash of science and religion for something like this, but this isn't a situation where logic would be found. If their belief solely relied on a prayer, while consciously rejecting medicine, their parents are completely at fault for having beliefs that endanger the lives of children. It doesn't matter what you believe; prayer simply should not solely replace medical attention. If anything, they should have prayed to the Delmarva area. The portable recording studio will be parked at the Delaware Technical and Community College Campus in Georgetown from April 17-20.

The goal of this project is to capture the powerful stories of everyday Americans. In addition, preserving these stories allows others to listen to inspiring conversations, and connect with the voices of fellow Americans. StoryCorps is a public service that documents the events which affect the citizens of our nation, and celebrates our shared humanity.

The process is simple. Two people who know each other well, could be family members or close friends, go into the StoryCorps recording booth for a forty minute session. One party interviews the other on a subject of their choice. Weston said the unique aspect of this is the interview is done by someone that knows you well, not just a stranger or reporter, which makes these conversations more personal.

"There is an unbelievably wide range of topics. They could range from death in the family to significant moments in someone's life, to relationships that have gone sour or funny stories," Weston said. "Hearing is believing, you have to hear them to believe how emotionally powerful some of these stories are."

"Whoever wants to be involved can be involved, no matter who they are," Weston said. The booths have recorded survivors from the Sept. 11 attacks, children of the Depression, veterans of the civil rights movement, homeless people, cancer patients, war veterans, and many more.

StoryCorps was created by award-winning NPR documentary producer, Dave Isay. Like the Works Progress Administration interviews of the 1930s, StoryCorps seeks out ordinary Americans; the people whose stories rarely make it to the pages of history textbooks, to share something that they believe is significant.

In October of 2003, StoryCorps was born with the opening of a StoryBooth in New York City's Grand Central Terminal. In May of 2005, two traveling recording studios housed in Airstream trailers traveled to different states seeking out interviews from thousands of Americans. In July of 2005, the second StoryBooth opened up in New York City. This booth began with the special initiative to remember those who were affected by the events of September 11, 2001. Since then, StoryCorps has launched other specific initiatives, including a mission to reach out to those affected by memory loss, and also the StoryCorps Griot initiative, which aims to collect the stories of thousands of African Americans.

I also do agree that some dress codes are a little ridiculous. In my workplace, a little rule that aggravates me is the no open-toed shoes. I understand if one is handling heavy merchandise, but most employees are just handling money and dealing with customers. I think it is a little silly for us not to be as comfortable as possible.

If you have a job where the rules do not fit your needs, you may want to just quit. But let us be realistic in saying that it is very rare to find a job that will let you wear whatever you want, unless you are lucky enough to be able to work from home. A dress code can range from formal to business casual, to casual. A dress code, as I stated before, is very important; if it is a place where you deal with people. The appearance of staff members who dress sloppily or

wear clothing that could be potentially offensive may turn off customers. This type of dress can also have a serious negative impact on employee performance as well. So, it is best to either deal with it or have a conversation with your employer. You may have a better understanding of the reasons behind the dress code and not feel so stifled in the workplace.

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Want your story heard?

By Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

Since 2003, StoryCorps has allowed tens of thousands of Americans to record their personal thoughts and stories to be shared with others.

"The premise is to get two people in the booth who know each other well," said Gerry Weston, General Manager of Public Radio Delmarva. "It doesn't matter what age, race, or gender. They

immediately began commenting on the idea of college.

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LIFE & STYLE

April 8, 2008
SU to hold large graduate school fair during NCUR

By Samantha Sullivan
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 10, Salisbury University will be hosting its largest graduate school fair yet. During NCUR, the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, representatives from 59 graduate school programs from around the country will be ready to provide SU students and the NCUR presenters with information on their programs.

The fair will be held in the Wicomico Room of GUC on Thursday, April 10, from 1-4 p.m. With programs ranging from law school to chiropractors, there will be something for everyone. Students from all majors are welcomed to the fair.

Rebecca Emery, Director of Career Services, said that what makes this fair such a unique opportunity for those students considering graduate school is that SU is not usually able to attract this many schools.

Because SU is a smaller campus, only half the amount of graduate schools came to the previous grad school fair. Because of the NCUR convention, SU has had the opportunity of welcoming schools from near and far that may not have been able to attend otherwise.

Most of the graduate school programs that will be at the fair are traditional style programs that are offered at the actual university or college. Emery suggests that those interested in attending ask about grad assistant programs that may be available because it is a good way to get field experience and the program will usually pay the student's tuition. Many SU undergraduates return to get their grad degree as assistants helping out in many departments in the university.

"Anyone who thinks they might go to grad school is encouraged to attend. It is the perfect time for juniors who want to go to grad school right away after graduation and seniors looking to take a year off before grad school," Emery said. "Even if the specific program you are interested in is not present, you should talk to schools that are there for comparison. You might like one of those better."

Sophomores and freshmen are also encouraged to stop in if they have any questions or want to get the feel for what to expect in the coming years. It is never too early to start checking things out.

This is unlike many job and internship fairs that have been offered at SU before. The dress is very casual, so come as you are. Even if you are just passing by and want to stop to get some information, you will be welcomed. This event is for the schools to advertise themselves and get you thinking about your future. It is a great opportunity to get information and make connections with the admissions staff.

"Stop in to see what is out there. See what it takes to get into the program," said SU student and intern Kaitlin McGing, who has been working hard to plan the fair.

You do not need to bring anything with you and you do not need to sign up. Emery said that this event is no fuss for the students. The tables may be giving away free stuff at the fair as well. 15-30 minutes is plenty of time to walk around if you just have free time between classes or if you have a busy schedule that day.

For more information keep an eye out for a booklet as well as information on the SU Web page. You can also contact Rebecca Emery at rebecca.emery@salisbury.edu.

SOAP presents Comedian Geoff Keith

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

Comedian Geoff Keith confidently walked onto the stage in Holloway Hall on the night of April 1, and for good reason, as he proceeded to charm the audience with jokes and improvisation.

In his camo pants, black t-shirt and white undershirt, Keith immediately began commenting on the idea of college.

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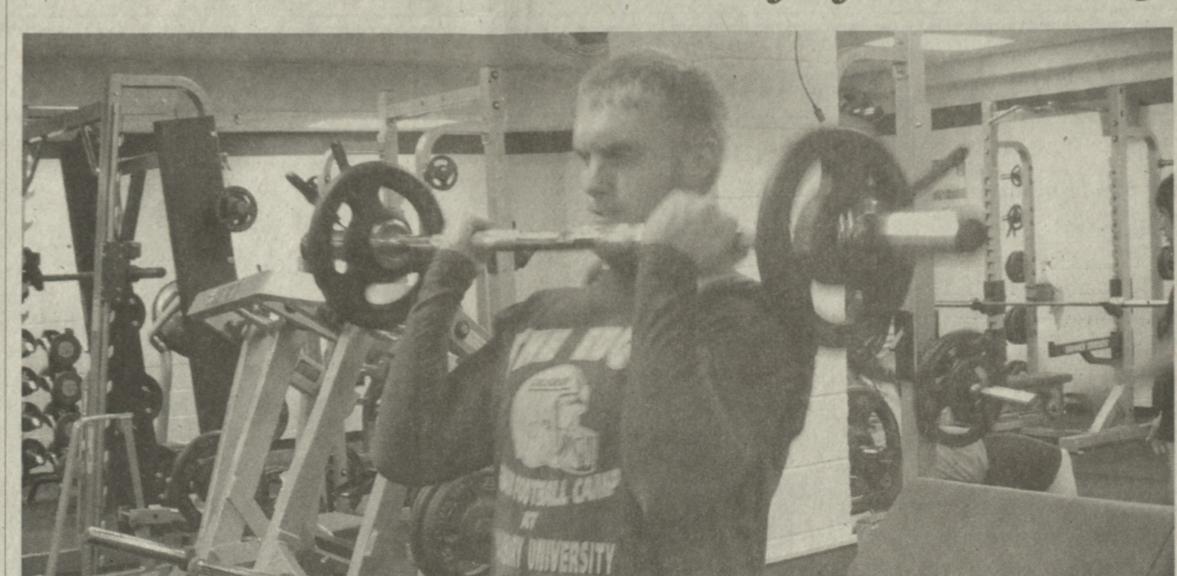
"I know my friend's boyfriend is cheating on her. I don't want to get in the middle of their relationship, but I also can't stand to see her get hurt. Should I tell her or let someone else be the bearer of bad news?"

This is a tricky situation. Your friend might resent you if you do tell her and think you have ulterior motives. On the other hand, put yourself in her shoes. Would you want someone to tell you this? One option is confronting her boyfriend and convincing him to 'fess up to her so that you are not the bearer of bad news. Make sure you are one hundred percent certain that he is cheating on her, and let him know you are not okay with it. You can tell him that if he is not planning on telling his girlfriend, you will tell your friend and that you think she would prefer to hear it from him so that she is not embarrassed. Explain to him that if he tells her, the chances of her forgiving him are a lot better because he can explain himself. If he is still denying it, you should tell your friend. It will save her a lot of hurt and pain later on in the relationship and even if she is angry at first, she will realize what a good friend you are in the end. Give her time and space to cope with her boyfriend being dishonest and she will come around.

"My parents are getting divorced and I hate being away from home. I feel like if I was there I could fix it. I don't know how to deal with this being away at school. I feel helpless."

Thousands of college students are affected by divorce while they are away at school, so remember you are not alone. Try to keep things in perspective and remember, this is not about you. This is about them and their relationship. Remind yourself that you did not cause your parents' marital problems or divorce and that it is normal to have feelings of split loyalties to your parents. It is important that you take care of yourself even while making decisions with family issues. Sharing

Strength and conditioning program provided at SU Both students and athletes benefit from training



Sophomore Eddie Howard pumps some iron in the weight room where strength and conditioning is offered.

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

Salisbury University offers a strength and conditioning program designed with the athlete in mind. The program believes in implementing a functional, sport-specific and individualized program. It also aims to provide each athlete with the structure that is required to perform at each individual's optimal level of play while trying to instill the concepts of teamwork, respect, dedication, mental toughness and hard work through the training programs.

The program is voluntary for each athlete, but because of the increasing benefits of the program, athletes continue to come.

"You can see the intensity level in seniors because of the education and training they have received throughout the years," said Matt Nein, director of the program. The program has been so successful for

the varsity athletic teams that club sports teams are beginning to get involved also.

Each workout is designed specifically for each player in their sport to help them receive the most beneficial workout. Athletes are put on a yearly plan and can access their workout on their own whenever they cannot come to team workouts. The primary part of the program is lifting weights and running mechanics, but also involves three critical areas: abdominal and lower back strengthening, rotator cuff and scapular stabilization training, and speed, agility and conditioning.

The strength and conditioning program uses a lot to the dedicated staff working with the program. The staff involved is constantly reading up on the latest exercises, the best techniques, and the newest ways to condition to make sure that each athlete is getting the most up-to-date workout.

"We're doing cutting edge stuff that you'll find at any other university," Nein said. Nein is the strength and conditioning coordinator at Salisbury University and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS). Mike Zourdus is a graduate assistant and strength and conditioning coach and a CSCS. Robb Disbennett, Nick Good-Malloy, Douglas Fleetwood, Ryan Fleetwood, Lou Lombardo, Monir Salmon, Stephen Prince, David Leonard and Tim Morrill all work with the program also.

The directors and coaches involved with the program can see the impact that the strength and conditioning is having on the athletes.

"Records are being set. There is an impact it has. People just keep getting better," Nein said. "To see the team succeed and know that we had an impact on that, even just a little, makes it the best."

Cub Scouts visit The Flyer, learn about newspapers



Cub Scouts Brendan Payne, Alex Rojas, Joey Bernstein and Chase Appel visit the Flyer office on Sunday, March 30. The boys told staff members about the importance of being a cub scout and learned about the newspaper layout process.

By R.L. Pusey
Staff Writer

On Sunday, March 30, four members of Cub Scout Troop 478 and their parents visited the SU Flyer office to learn about the world of journalism and newspaper layout.

They shared the importance of being a cub scout with the Flyer staff while staff members showed them how to layout text and pictures. The cubs also told staff members about their favorite activities and sports including camping, fishing, basketball, bowling, kickball and the pinewood derby racing. Den mother Kim Payne plans and coordinates many of the cub scout events and outings. "They need about an hour of outside learning activity weekly," Payne said.

According to the Cub Scouts official Web site, the Boy Scouts of America have helped younger boys through Cub Scouting since 1930. It is a year-round family program

designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 6-10 years of age). Parents, leaders and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Currently, Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's three traditional membership divisions.

The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting are: character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fitness, family understanding, respectful relationships, personal achievement, friendly service, fun and adventure, and preparation for Boy Scouts.

"They really are an exceptional group of boys," Payne said.

There are many different types of yoga including Hatha, Karma, Raja, Jnana and Bhakti yoga. This ancient form of exercise began in India about 5,000 years ago. According to Gavin Flood, Academic Director of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, it has been defined and referred to as "technologies or disciplines of asceticism and meditation which are thought to lead to spiritual experience and profound understanding or insight into the nature of existence."

Even though finals are around the corner, don't let the stress lead to unhealthy choices. Take the time out of your busy schedule to calm your mind and body through yoga.

HEALTH COLUMN The many benefits of Yoga

By Sarah Brinton
Staff Writer

Summer is almost upon us, which can lead to thoughts of looking good in that stowed away bathing suit! For burning exercises and eating well are both important to getting that desired figure, however, toning is essential.

Yoga can help strengthen your body and your mind. When muscle density is high, the fat pounds will drop off. Along with a strong, relaxed body, a clear mind can help students stay academically focused.

"Yoga takes my stress away.

Having a part-time job and being a full-time college student used to make me crazy until I started doing yoga every day and attending a weekly class," said Samantha Williams, a student at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

Dr. Eleanor Stump, yoga instructor and founder of the Asian Studies Institute in Delmar, claims that just 15 minutes of basic yoga first thing in the morning will do your body and mind wonders.

For even better results, 15

minutes in the evening will

effectively wind down a demanding day and help you enjoy deep sleep.

Salisbury University consistently offers yoga classes. During the month of April, yoga classes will be offered every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Healthy U office on SU's east campus, 103 Power Street. The cost is 10 dollars for all five sessions. Bring a towel or a yoga mat. Classes are also offered as a PHEC 106. This is a great way to try yoga receive college credits, and enjoy your strong, relaxed body.

Most college students are on a budget and yoga instruction does not have to be as expensive as sessions offered at elite gyms. It is a good idea to take basic yoga classes so a qualified instructor can guide you through the proper poses and breathing. However, yoga books and videos can be conveniently followed in a dorm or apartment. Yoga involves little or no equipment; just grab a mat or towel and head to the park once the exercises become familiar.

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Weekly Greek News

Greek Life seeks expansion

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

With only four sororities and six fraternities on campus, Greek Life at Salisbury University is small considering the size of the student population. However, SU is looking to expand the Greek Community by bringing in a new fraternity or sorority.

Smoll said that the organization chose SU because it is a good fit considering that it is about the same size of the other universities that the fraternity has chapters at, and also because SU Greek Life is looking for expansion.

Smoll also said that the fraternity is a values-based organization with sixty-five chapters.

"Students sometimes want to join a new organization because they are interested in being a founding member. They see this as a great opportunity to set the standards versus joining an already set organization," Smoll said. "We also offer a variety of fraternal experiences to reach out to students who can't find what they're looking for in already existing fraternities. SU has about 15 interested members who begin discussing the organization's values and the recruitment process.

"I think that that they are a great

organization and I really liked how as part of their recruiting process they ask for references from teachers and faculty," said Jennifer Hackett, President of SU's Panhellenic Council. "It will be great for the Greek Community by possibly bringing a new fraternity to campus."

Smoll recently helped set up a chapter at University of North Carolina, Pembroke. Smoll said that the process of expanding to a new campus can take up to an entire semester as the fraternity spends time forming relationships with faculty and staff in their efforts to find campus leaders to join the organization.

During this time the organization also sends its press releases, holds informational meetings and puts fliers on campus in an effort to gain interested members. Once the organization has about 15 interested members they begin discussing the organization's values and the recruitment process.

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themselves to a set of six principles: Value, Learning, Leadership, Excellence, Benefit, Integrity, according to Sigma Tau Gamma's Web site.

If you are interested in joining Sigma Tau Gamma or if you would like to know more information, you can contact Michael Smoll at Michael@sigmataugamma.org.

However, since it has not yet been decided whether or not Sigma Tau Gamma is officially coming to our campus, there is the possibility that another fraternity may come in place of them in Greek Life's efforts to expand. Greek Life is looking to add more organizations and is open to whatever fraternities or sororities see SU as a good fit.

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is its weekly Bible study. They meet on Wednesday nights at 8:30 in Devilbiss Hall, room 123.

The group has a registered 89

members, but there are an average 26 committed members that attend Bible study every week to discuss things affecting their lives, including prominent issues on campus.

Bowen stated that the Bible study is open to anyone. "It's a place where you find them-selves and solidify their beliefs. Students go from being surrounded by people very much like them to an environment where everyone is seemingly different. Sometimes it is hard to keep to your principles when all around you students are doing things you do not believe in right."

If you are struggling with keeping your commitment to the Christian faith because you feel as though you are alone, then the Wesley Foundation just may be the group to give you the support you've been missing.

The Wesley Foundation is a group founded on supporting those that choose to live a Christian lifestyle throughout their chaotic college experience. The group strives to help its members build a stronger relationship with God.

Vice President Kenny Bowen reflected on the organization. "It's the fastest growing Christian organization on campus because we keep it so real; it's a relaxing environment and we accept everyone as they are," Bowen said.

The group has been around for many years, going through phases of inactivity, but no matter how many times it has become inactive it has always found a way to resurrect itself.

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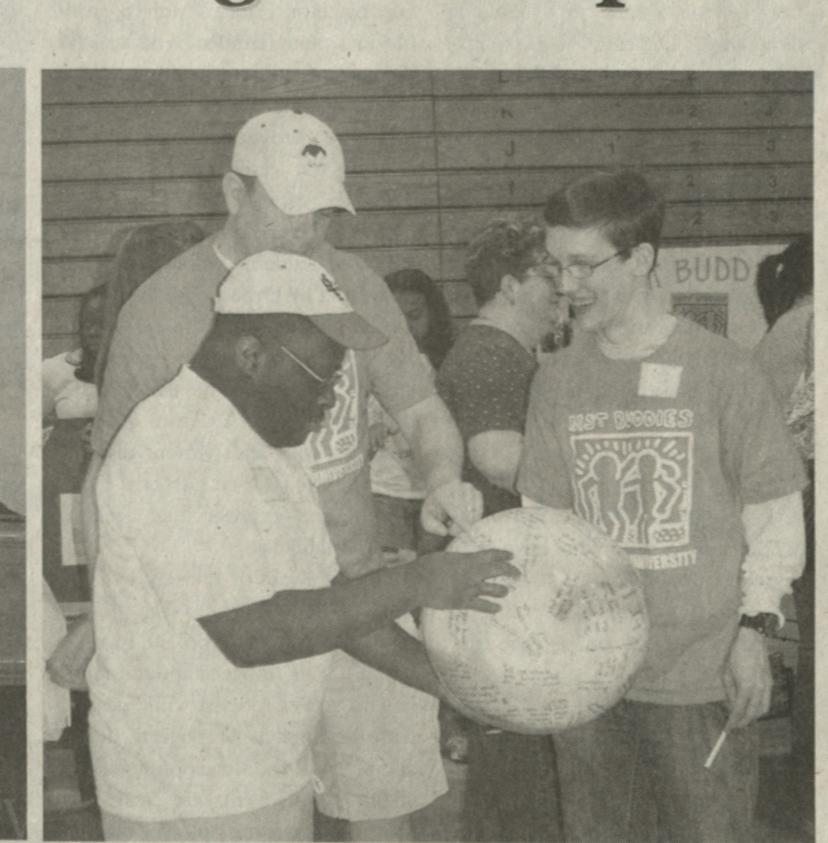
From the photo bank: What's happening on campus



The SU Step Squad delivers an impressive performance at SU's first-ever Admitted Students Day this past Saturday.

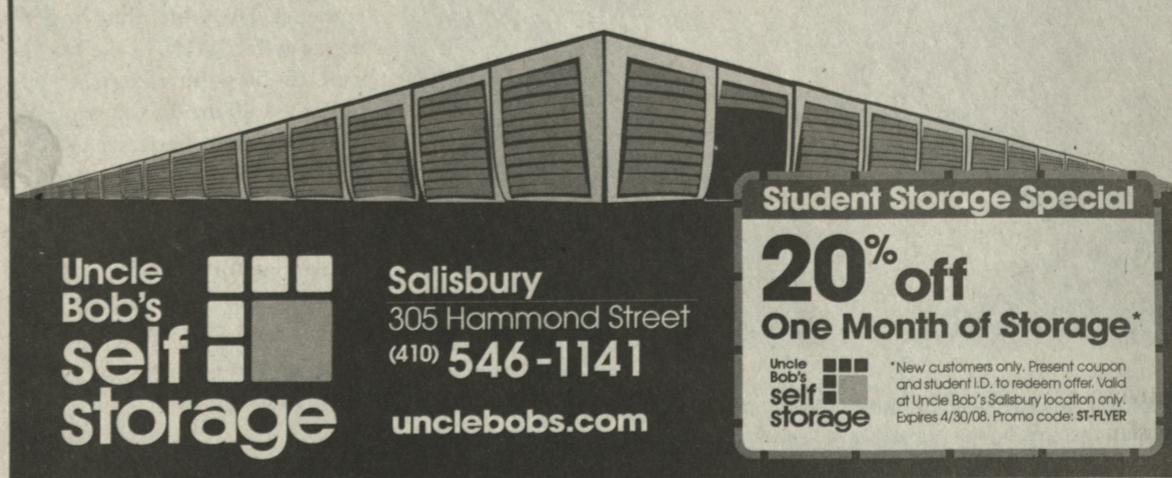


Dan Meldek, advisor for the Young Muslim Association at the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, MI speaks on Muslim heritage in the 21st century.



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In recognition of Disability Awareness Month, *The Flyer*would like to celebrate the life and achievements of
Helen Keller

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Helen Keller

By Katelyn Johnson
Staff Writer

It's hard to celebrate April as National Disabilities Month without remembering the life of Helen Keller.

In her 87 years, Keller became known as an author, lecturer, disabilities advocate, suffragist and socialist as well as, and probably most famously, becoming the first deaf and blind person to receive a college diploma.

Helen Adams Keller was born on June 27, 1880. A sudden illness at 19 months left Keller without the ability to see or hear. Keller first began to communicate with her family when a servant's young daughter created a code of more than 60 signs with her.

In 1886 Keller's mother read an account of another child in a similar situation to Keller's and was inspired to contact the Perkins Institute for the Blind. The school sent 20-year-old former student Anne Sullivan to the Keller family and thus began a 49-year relationship that changed Keller's life forever.

In 1964 Keller was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, one of the highest awards that can be bestowed upon a civilian. Although Keller has since passed away, her legacy lives on as an inspiration to many. As Keller said, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it."

Islam: Culture vs. Religion

By Anisa Gharbi
Guest Writer

Islam is a religion coming from the root word *salama* or "peace" in Arabic. A Muslim is someone who submits oneself to the religion of peace or Islam. As a Muslim, I often come across many who do not grasp the importance of recognizing that Islam and culture are two separate things. For example, I am often asked, "Where are you from?" by those I meet for the first time. When I answer that I am from Maryland (born and raised here my whole life) the questioner will often raise his or her eyebrows in disbelief and persist in asking, "Where are you really from?" Having said this,

while I am half Arab, Arabs only make up 25 percent of the Muslim world. In fact Indonesia has the largest population of Muslims and India has the second largest. Nonetheless, having been born and raised here, I consider myself to be part and parcel of the American culture and lifestyle. Although Islam may set Muslims apart from other Americans in the U.S. there is no denying that Muslim Americans are and have been a part of this culture for hundreds of years.

Another issue with regard to culture and faith, is distinguishing between what is a cultural norm versus a requirement of that religion. In Saudi Arabia for example, women are prohibited from driving. Although and

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Disability Awareness Month to be celebrated at Salisbury U

By Katie Murphy
Staff Writer

April is Disability Awareness Month at Salisbury University. As part of the first Disability Awareness Month, the office of student disability support services is sponsoring nine events throughout April ranging from student discussions to movies.

Nikki Dyer, the coordinator of student disability support services, hopes that students, staff and faculty will attend the events. "Understanding disabilities is important for everyone in our campus community. Disabilities touch all of our lives," Dyer said.

Dyer wants the campus community to realize that disabilities touch all our lives either directly or indirectly. She hopes that through awareness and understanding that myths about people with disabilities can be dispelled.

Three percent of Salisbury University students have a documented disability. This can range from physical disabilities to learning disabilities. Different accommodations are given to students with documented disabilities. These accommodations can be as little as being given extra time to complete a test to being given equipment to make their lives easier. The purpose of disability awareness month is to educate people in the hopes of making them compassionate and allowing them to understand how disabilities affect others. Attending a Disability Awareness Month activity is a simple way to make you self aware of the challenges that others face.

"People with disabilities are whole people, not people who have deficiencies, disabilities, or a disease which defines them. They are part of the human race and as such they should be valued, embraced and understood," Dyer said.

Disability Awareness Month is designed to allow people to learn about specific disabilities as well as the historical and cultural aspects of disabilities. "They can learn about specific technologies designed to assist people with disabilities," said

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Students win golf tourney

By Philip Speake
Staff Writer

SU students defeated Delaware Technical Institute and Anne Arundel Community College in a golf match on March 12 at Heritage Shores Golf Club in Bridgeville, Delaware. Despite not having an official recognized golf team the Salisbury representatives did their part to continue the strong spring season that the other university sports teams have displayed.

With a six man squad, Salisbury defeated Delaware Tech and AACCC. Salisbury finished with a score of 352, Del. Tech tallied a score of 358, and AACCC compiled score of 366. The scores were a sum of the top four rounds from each team's participants. Salisbury was led by golf club president and senior Cory Gould. Other members of the team included seniors Ryan Ripa, John Sanicola, Tommy Giampaolo, junior Scott Anacker and sophomore Jeff King.

Despite being an unaffiliated student organization, the golfers defeated both of their opponents. Delaware Tech has a recognized golf team with a coach, home course and regular practice times and was stunned by the team Salisbury put together.

With temperatures in the forties, course conditions were very difficult; however, all the participants played the same course. Gould shot a team-low 85 but bows it was only due to the conditions. "I was proud of all the guys. Nobody gave up. It was cold and windy. The other teams each had one or two guys shoot in the hundreds. But we all hung in there and kept our composure. It would have been easy to get frustrated and give up," Gould said. Second on the team was Sanicola with a score of 86. "We really do have some talented golfers here at SU, and though we definitely are a recreational club, it is always nice to win," said Salisbury University Golf Club advisor Harry Womack.

The rounds took an unusually long time, lasting up to 5 and a half hours due to the extreme wind gusts and cold temperatures.

Delaware Tech has two golfers

that placed in the top five in the region. "To have two guys like that, it's pretty impressive. Since the conditions were out of control I was really proud to the team," Gould said.

However, the round-ball festivities are not quite finished. A student slam dunk contest and three-point shootout is set to be held in two weeks, according to Powell. "We love to get the students involved. Intramurals and events like this are a great way for them to interact and meet new people," Powell said.

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Men's and Women's LAX have stronghold on No. 1 spot



Sarah Lake photo

SU's men's and women's lacrosse teams celebrate their number one spots at Friday's practices. They went on to win their weekend games.

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

Salisbury lacrosse has become known for being No. 1. Seven national championships, 13 CAC titles, 94 consecutive conference victories, 74-game regular

season winning streak, 66 straight wins at home – all NCAA records, and that's just the men's team. The women's lacrosse team has seven CAC championships under their belt to go with eight NCAA tournament appearances, a 2007 national finals appearance, and a

current 14-game win streak, the best in NCAA Division III. Salisbury lacrosse has been a powerhouse in recent years, thanks to great recruiting, great coaching and lots of hard work, so that's not news.

When asked about this year's roster head Coach Jim Berkman replied, "We are absolutely not the team we were last year." The SU men have graduated their entire defense, their goalie and eight All-Americans from last year's team. That's a lot of talent, so how has Salisbury recovered? According to Coach Berkman there hasn't been much adjustment to their overall scheme. This less-pressure defense has really stepped up, he says, but it's been the offense that has been inconsistent. It's not the goal scoring; SU is beating opponents by an average of 11 goals this season compared to 13.3 goals last season, it's the close games that have been a surprise. In the Sea Gulls' last four National Championship seasons, they have had only one game come within three goals during the regular season. 12 games into this season, they have had four. "We're beating teams by one instead of 15, but we're still beating them," Coach Berkman said.

The SU women are experiencing their first stint at No. 1 since April 2006.

Coach Jim Nestor and his players have made it to the NCAA tournament each of the last five seasons, boasting a 99-10 record, and twice reaching the National Championship game, only to lose both times.

The women have come into their own this season, avenging their championship loss to F&M last weekend with a come-from-behind victory. Like the men, the women's team has lost a lot of talent over the last couple of seasons, leaving them with some inexperienced talent. Though they have underclassmen on the roster, however, they are playing like a veteran squad, running off 14 straight victories to start the season. The SU women have been knocking on the door for several seasons now and they have finally reached the top.

So what is so special about that No. 1 ranking? The playoff schedules are built to give the top teams the easiest road to the championship. The No. 1 team plays the CAC playoff games at home and hosts the NCAA opening rounds. As both the men and the women have done quite a bit of traveling here at the end of the regular season, they could use a few games in their home stadium. This season, the two teams have combined for 26 wins, zero losses and two No. 1 rankings.



Sarah Lake photo

No. 1 women's lacrosse players practice before defeating St. Mary's College last Saturday 18-11.

Women's lacrosse pounds both Ursinus and St. Mary's

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's lacrosse team triumphed over the Bruins of Ursinus College last week 20-8. Salisbury, which is now ranked number one in the country for the first time since April 2006, completely overpowered Ursinus College both offensively and defensively during the entire game.

The opening half saw Salisbury torch the Bruins for 14 goals. Courtney Sorenson started the assault off an assist from Sue Ackermann. Kim Cudmore shined over the next five minutes as she scored three times, two unassisted goals and one off another Ackermann pass. The next 10 minutes showed the Gulls' depth as they scored six more goals by five different players off assists by four different players. Beth Rhodey closed out the first half for the Gulls by scoring three goals, giving her a hat trick in the first half.

Salisbury slowed down the game and the scoring in the second half, only

beating the Bruins keeper six more times. The Sea Gulls' defense over the duration of the game was nearly impenetrable, only surrendering eight goals and never feeling any pressure as they quickly turned away almost all opposing players with fierce defensive play led by senior Kelly Phillips and sophomores Maddie Goetz and Jess Glazer. Goalies Sonja Stuart and Natalie Pappas combined for a total of seven saves in the game. Salisbury also out-shot Ursinus 38-18 and led in ground balls 19-11.

12 different Salisbury players scored goals in the blowout. Sorenson, Logan Bilderback, Jessica Liston and Meaghan Osipowich all scored twice. Ackerman scored once, but added four assists. Alexis Morell, Meghan Ricketts, Jessica Chmielewski and Ashleigh Gender all contributed with one goal and one assist. Lindy Walsh ended the scoring regime with the last goal.

The Gulls are now 15-0 overall and 6-0 in the CAC after defeating conference rival St. Mary's College 18-11 last

Saturday on the road. The heated game was highlighted by 18 SU goals. Chmielewski finished with a career-high six goals and added four assists. Ackermann added one goal and a game-high seven assists. Chmielewski, who was honored as the CAC Women's Lacrosse Co-Athlete of the Week, did most of her work in the second half where she scored four times.

She now has 40 goals on the season. Ackermann's eight-point performance gave her 100 points on the season. She has tallied 52 goals and 48 assists.

The top-ranked SU squad is on the road next week where they will travel to play TCNJ next Saturday in the second-to-last regular season game of the year.



Sarah Wright photo

Women's lacrosse players' tight defense helps fuel Sea Gull victory over Ursinus last week 20-8.

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-4/8	Wednesday-4/9	Thursday-4/10	Friday-4/11	Saturday-4/12	Sunday-4/13	Monday-4/14
	3 p.m. Baseball @ Mary Washington	Copy Editor Jeremy Latimer turns 22!		9 a.m. Track & Field @ West Chester Invitational Noon Baseball vs. Mary Washington 1:00PM Softball vs. York 5 p.m. Women's Lacrosse @ The College of New Jersey	11 a.m. Men's Tennis @ Johns Hopkins 1 p.m. Softball @ Hood 1 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Muhlenberg 4 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Goucher	Men's Lacrosse CAC Tournament 1st Round Women's Tennis CAC Tournament 3:30 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Washington & Lee
			7 p.m. Men's Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's			

SU baseball team continues to roll

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University number six ranked baseball team (26-1, 12-0 CAC) has added two more to its winning streak by defeating both St. Mary's (13-15, 6-7 CAC) and LaGrange (17-12) Colleges last week at Sea Gull Stadium.

The Gulls took down St. Mary's last Wednesday 7-0 with a one-hit pitching performance by freshman left-handed pitcher Dustin Herbert. Herbert (7-0) put down six batters and allowed one walk in nine innings to lower his ERA to 0.96. He leads the team in strikeouts with 48 and innings pitched with 46.2. Herbert is scoreless for his last 24 innings.

SU scored early with a sacrifice fly by senior Justin Armiger to bring in junior Jordan Crystal off third base. They added another six over the next three innings.

The streak was almost lost last Friday against LaGrange as they were trailing in the fifth inning until senior Tyler Riley knocked out a two-run homer to give SU back the lead. Sophomore first baseman Mike Celenza drew a bases-loaded walk to give SU the

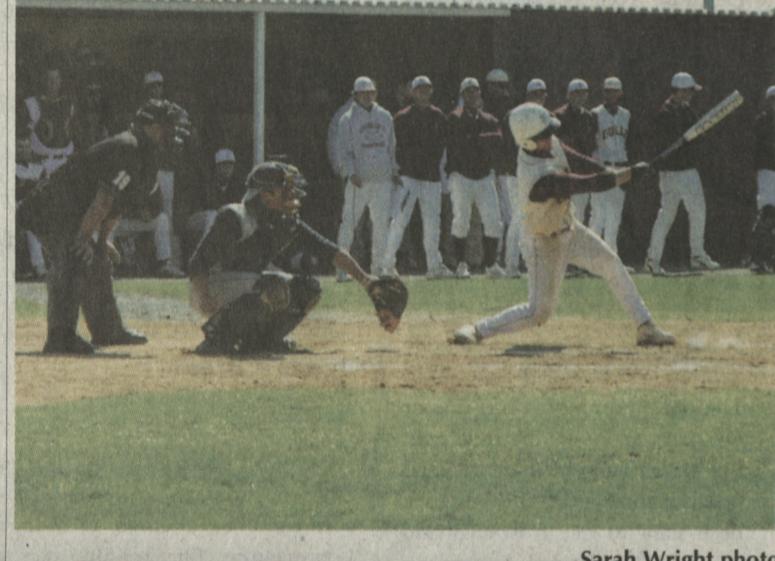
with lead-off doubles in both the second and third innings by freshman Will Evans (1-4, two runs) and senior Mark Bostwick (2-4, one RBI).

"They kept in there and they kept fighting and did a great job in the end," Coach Doug Fleetwood said. "We didn't play great defense especially towards the end, but they have a tough offense, some tough guys and we got them. We just have to work on finishing strong."

Pitching and defense played a pivotal role in the game, as LaGrange averages 11.1 runs per game. Junior Jeff Feigl started off on the mound for Salisbury, but was relieved by J.D. Polcari who gave up three runs and struck out one in the middle innings. Freshman Kyle Judson (2-0) held the Panthers to only one run in the last four innings. Judson struck out eight, including All-American Sims twice. Sims is batting .465 this season.

SU closed the door in ninth with a double play after two errors. "We expect to make plays in the infield," Fleetwood said. "We want to play at a high level and need to play like that."

The team returns to the field



Sarah Wright photo

Salisbury University baseball continues their hot offense and winning streak against LaGrange and St. Mary's last week.

two run advantage it needed to win.

The Panthers started the game off in the first with a Seth Tucker solo home run, but SU answered back with four of their own started by freshman Andrew Miller's (1-2, two RBIs) two-run homer over center field. LaGrange added three as sophomore Trey Walker and senior Michael Sims had RBI singles followed by a sacrifice fly from senior Jose Navarro to even the score at 4-4. SU took advantage

this Wednesday, April 9, to face conference rival Mary Washington.





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